



Mount Apo Foundation, Inc.

KMM Declaration of Understanding

We, the mayors of Kidapawan City, Municipality of Magpet and Municipality of Makilala, North Cotabato province, Philippines

BELIEVING that there is an urgent call for concern and response to the environmental challenges unfolding locally and globally;

RECOGNIZING that Mt. Apo Natural Park is rich in biodiversity and an important natural environment for the present and future generations;

KNOWING that unity of intention and vision towards sustainable protection, preservation and development of Mt. Apo Natural Park is a significant initiative for shared responsibility and common accountability;

CONSIDERING that building partnerships among local government units, concerned stakeholders around Mt. Apo Natural Park and international support institutions and environmental experts creates sustainable intervention for the protection, preservation and appropriate development for Mt Apo Natural Park;

DO HEREBY DECLARE the following understanding:

- Develop plans and create effective coordination mechanism towards sustainable Mt. Apo protection, preservation and development;
- Provide the necessary support and assistance within our respective capacities and in accordance to our powers and authorities as provided by law;
- Build strong partnership with other local government units, concerned Mt. Apo stakeholders and environmental support groups;
- Establish continuing linkage with environmental institutions and experts within and outside the Philippines for effective response to local and global environmental concerns, issues and challenges.

DONE in Yosemite, California, USA, this eighteenth day of September in the year two thousand and seven.

(Signed)
HON. RODOLFO Y. GANTUANGCO
Mayor, Kidapawan City

(Signed)
HON. EFREN F. PIÑOL
Mayor, Municipality of Magpet

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HON. ONOFRE L. RESPICIO
Mayor, Municipality of Magpet



The "Declaration of Understanding" have established common direction and productive collaboration for Mt. Apo among the 3 mayors of Kidapawan, Magpet and Makilala in North Cotabato. It also led to the creation of the Kidapawan-Magpet-Makilala (KMM) Eco-triangle, a platform of unity and cooperation of the 3 local government units toward common directions and intervention for Mt. Apo. The "Declaration of Understanding" was a result of the educational visit of the 3 mayors to Yosemite National Park, California, USA on September 2003, together with Atty. Ermelo N. Libre, Executive director of Mount Apo Foundation, Inc.